

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to Fig. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the words "PRIOR ART" were added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 1/1

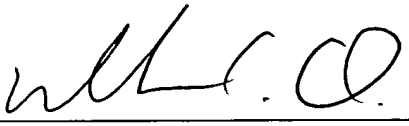
**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice. Claims 1-17, as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE2003/002201 have been canceled, and new claims 18-37 have been added. In addition, Fig. 1 was amended to indicate that it depicts prior art.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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